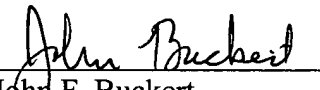


REMARKS

In the Office Action of March 31, 2004, claims 1-12 and 14-23 were presented for examination. Applicants have submitted an amendment herein to cancel claims 14-23, without prejudice. Accordingly, applicants submit that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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